ZODIAC

News Service 950 Howard Street, San Francisco, California 94103 (415) 956-3555

Contacts: Jon Newhall Scott Farley Marlene Edmunds

NOVEMBER 17, 1975

PLEASE CREDIT ZODIAC ITEMS USED

(ZNS) MARYLAND PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR HAROLD WEISBERG HAS RELEASED NEW EVIDENCE WHICH HE SAYS PROVES CONCLUSIVELY THAT AT LEAST TWO ASSASSINS FIRED BULLETS WHICH STRUCK PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY IN DALLAS 12 YEARS AGO.

WEISBERG HAS ISSUED A NEW 650-PAGE BOOK, ENTITLED POST MORTEM, WHICH ALLEGES THAT THE WARREN COMMISSION DELIBERATELY MISREPORTED THE TRUE LOCATIONS OF THE BULLET WOUNDS ON PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S BODY. HE SAYS THIS MISREPORTING WAS DONE SO IT WOULD SEEM THAT A SINGLE BULLET STRUCK THE PRESIDENT IN THE BACK AND THEN EXITED FROM HIS THROAT.

ACCORDING TO WEISBERG, THE FACT IS THAT THE NECK WOUND IN THE FRONT WAS ABOVE THE SHIRT COLLAR, MUCH HIGHER THAN THE WARREN COMMISSION INDICATED. HE SAYS ITS TRUE LOCATION FLATLY RULES OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT IS AN EXIT WOUND FROM A SHOT IN THE BACK.

TO PROVE HIS POINT, WEISBERG CITES TESTIMONY FROM DOCTORS AT PARKLAND HOSPITAL IN DALLAS WHO STATED UNDER OATH THAT THEY SAW NO BULLET HOLES IN THE FRONT OF THE PRESIDENT'S SHIRT. THE WARREN COMMISSION, HOWEVER, LATER SAID THERE WAS A HOLE IN THE FRONT SHIRT COLLAR, AND CONCLUDED THAT THIS HOLE WAS MADE BY A BULLET EXITING THE THROAT.

WEISBERG HAS DISCOVERED THAT THE HOLE IN THE FRONT OF THE SHIRT WAS MADE BY DOCTORS WITH A SCALPEL AFTER THE ASSASSINATION AS THEY TREATED THE PRESIDENT. WHAT'S MORE, HE SAYS, THE WARREN COMMISSION KNEW THIS HOLE WAS A SCALPEL HOLE, NOT A BULLET HOLE, BUT DELIBERATELY MISREPRESENTED THIS FACT.

WEISBERG HAS CHALLENGED MEMBERS OF THE WARREN COMMISSION AND THE F.B.I. TO APPEAR WITH HIM BEFORE A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE AND TO REPEAT THEIR STATEMENTS UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY -- ZODIAC

Note: Weisberg's number in Maryland: (301) 473-8186.

* * * * * *